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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

IRISH PEACE PROSPECTS.

PREMIER ASKED TO PROPOSE FIRST STEP.

IRELAND READY.

ACTING SINN FEIN PRESIDENT'S TELEGRAM.

LONDON, December 5.
Father O'Flannagan, acting President of Sinn Fein has telegraphed
Mr. Lloyd George: "You state that you are willing to make peace im-
mediately. Ireland also is willing. What first step do you propose?"
SINN FEIN REPUDIATES NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, December 6.
The Sinn Fein Divisional Council in Dublin has repudiated the peace
negotiations in England, declaring any person discussing terms with a
foreign government unless authorised by Dail Eireann guilty of treachery.
PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, December 5.
In the House of Commons, replying to questions with regard to the
report that he is negotiating with the Sinn Fein leaders, Mr. Lloyd George
re-affirmed the Government's willingness to explore every avenue
leading to a real and lasting settlement. He would regret very much
if it were true that the Sinn Fein conference had repudiated the peace
negotiations. He had just received a telegram from Father O'Flannagan,
on December 5, but had not yet considered the reply. He wanted to
discover if Father O'Flannagan was able to speak for the Sinn Fein party.
Mr. Lloyd George re-emphasised that the Government was willing to
discuss with anybody authorised to speak on behalf of the Irish people any
question which would bring peace to Ireland.

Replying to Mr. Devlin, Mr. Bonar Law said that the Government did
not intend to drop the Home Rule Bill in view of the House of Lords'
action with regard to it.

DUBLIN CORPORATION RAIDED.

LONDON, December 6.
The Dublin Corporation was raided to-day and six members arrested.

ANOTHER BOLSHEVIEK SUCCESS.

LONDON, December 6.
The Times correspondent at Warsaw reports that General Balahovitch's
force has been driven over the Polish frontier where it was disarmed.
General Balahovitch who was slightly wounded is in hospital in Warsaw.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN.

PREFERENCE TO BRITISH GOODS AS A RELIEF MEASURE.

LONDON, December 6.
In the House of Commons, replying to Brigadier-General Croft who
urged that all State departments should be instructed to order only British
goods as long as there was unemployment in Britain, Mr. Lloyd George said
that general instructions had already been enforced to give preference to
the products of the Empire in Government contracts. It was impossible
to lay down a universal rule, as certain foreign products must be purchased,
but the Government fully sympathised with the general tenor of the
question.

Replying to a suggestion that the interests of the taxpayer might be
served by purchasing foreign goods, the Premier expressed the opinion that
the interests of the taxpayer would be considered by seeing that they got
employment instead of unemployment benefit.

M.C.C. IN AUSTRALIA.

DRAW WITH AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

BRISBANE, December 6.
Marylebone drew with an Australian eleven. The Australians made
255. Douglas took five wickets for 45 runs. In the second innings the
Australians made 182 for 5 wickets. Marylebone made 375. Hendren
made 96. The last wicket made a stand for 95.

GREEK PLEBISCITE.

VOTING REPORTED IN FAVOUR OF CONSTANTINE.

SINGULAR INCIDENTS.

ATHENS, December 6.
The plebiscite on the question of Constantine's return has taken place
throughout the country without disturbance. The result will be announced
to-day. Amongst the voters were the royal princes at present in Athens.
It is taken for granted that the plebiscite went in favour of the ex-King,
more especially having regard to the manner in which it was conducted.

LONDON, December 6.
According to French diplomats yesterday's plebiscite in Greece was
taken in a very singular fashion. It is stated that soldiers were taken to
the polling booths by non commissioned officers. Voters were allowed to
vote without producing cards. Certain prefects are said to have issued
official circulars threatening the electors with punishment if they voted
against Constantine.

FRENCH COMMENT.

PARIS, December 5.
A Havas message states:—The happy outcome of the London conference
which gave such practical demonstration to the Entente's strength and
cohesion is greeted by the French papers as a triumph of common sense.
Prevention is better than cure, and while entertaining no idea whatever of
interfering with Greece's internal affairs, the Allies have perfect right to
warn her of the consequences which will follow a restoration of the ex-
Kaiser's brother-in-law to the throne. Greece has hitherto been depending
to a large extent upon Britain and France for financial support. The Allies
have unquestionable right to withdraw that support should Greece assume
such an unfriendly attitude to say the least.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 3.2 11.16
To-day's opening rate 3.3 7.15

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

CRISIS IN GREECE.

LONDON, December 4th.
At the forthcoming conference of repa-
tations experts at Brussels, financial steps
will be taken in the event of the return
of Constantine to Greece.
M. Leygues and Signor Storma are leav-
ing for home to-morrow.

ARMENIA BECOMES SOVIET.

LONDON, December 4th.
A Moscow wireless message says that
Armenia has declared itself a Soviet Re-
public.

SPA PEACE CIGARS.

WHO WILL PAY?

£3,200 BILL FROM BELGIUM.

Who is going to pay for the cigars
smoked by the Allied and German
delegates to the conference held at
Spa in July? This is a question to
which the Belgian authorities, ac-
cording to Paris-Midi, are awaiting an
answer.

The Belgian Government bore at
the time all the hotel and restaurant
expenses of the meeting on the under-
standing that it would be reimbursed
later. It has now sent to the League
of Nations a bill for £3,200 for cigars
smoked or taken away, but the League
of Nations authorities declare that
they have not sufficient funds to pay
for cigars.

The secretary of the League is said
to have added that the Allied Supreme
Council should meet this bill.
The Spa Conference lasted 14 days
and discussed German disarmament
and coal deliveries. Six nations were
represented, and the delegates' staffs
must have run into hundreds.

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GERMAN ENTERPRISE.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT TO BE ATTEMPTED.

The Zeppelin Company is about to
begin trials in Germany with an aero-
plane for which it is claimed that in
design and performance it will far
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most meagre details regarding it have
been allowed to leak out. It is built
throughout of duralumin, has a span
of 90 to 100ft., and a chord of 10
or 12. It is fitted with four engines
and has capacity for 20 passengers.
The wings of the monoplane are hol-
low. In them the four engines, each
of 260-h.p.—Mercedes or Maybach—
are fitted, and the wings are con-
structed so that, while the monoplane
is in flight, a mechanic may crawl
through them and attend to the en-
gines. There are only two struts in
the monoplane, and these extend
laterally from the under-carriage to
the under-side of the wings.

The first question that arises is to
what extent the efficiency of the pro-
pellers will be reduced since they are
placed so close to the leading edge of
the wings. It is understood that,
following the trials, an early attempt
will be made to fly the machine across
the Atlantic. This revelation of Ger-
man activity is of the utmost interest
in view of the references made at
the Air Conference to machines of
British design with their engines
mounted in the wings.

Moreover, in connection with Ger-
man aerial activity, a reference to the
Fokker machines is not out of place.
Recently a monoplane of this make
landed at Croydon. But it, and the
statement is not open to contradic-
tion, the Fokker machines are pro-
duced in factories in Germany, ex-
ported to Holland in parts, and there
assembled, what is their real nation-
ality?

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Gosnell, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. L. O'Neil, Mr.
and Mrs. L. Kilan, and two children.
Mr. J. G. Gutteridge, Mrs. A. J. de Joux,
Mr. A. Koon, Mr. F. W. P. Baker, Mr. J.
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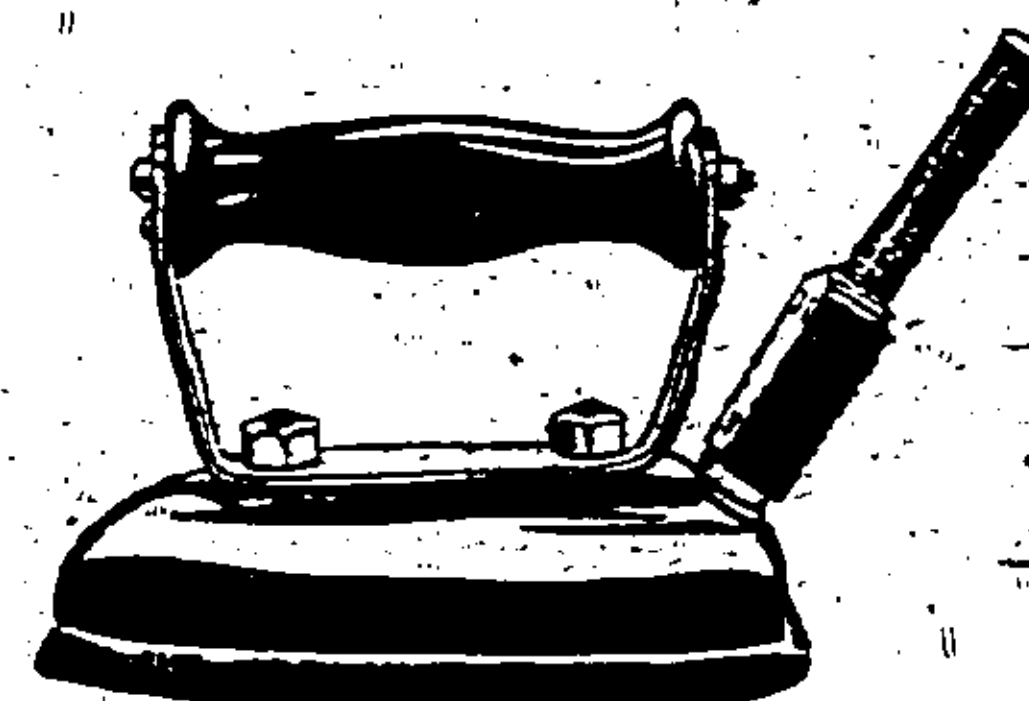


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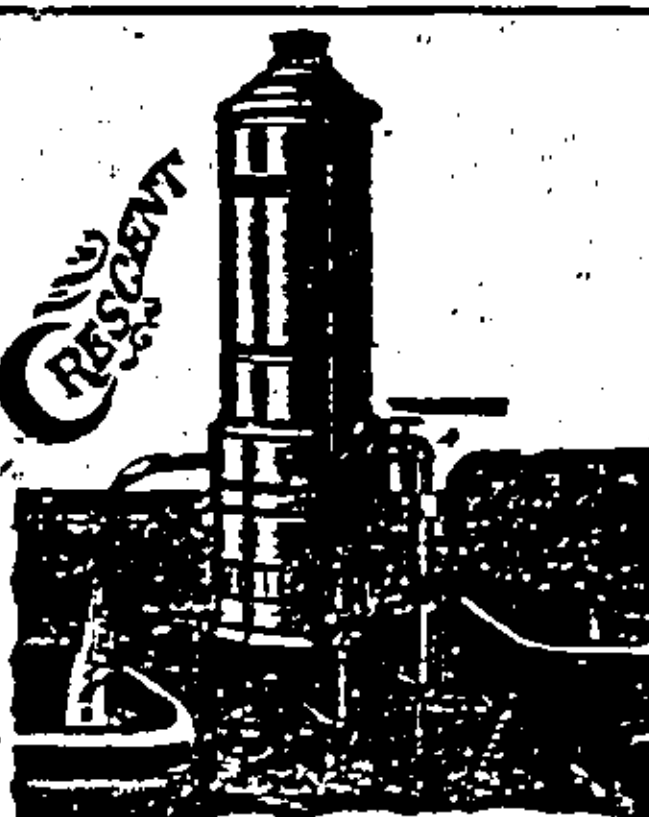
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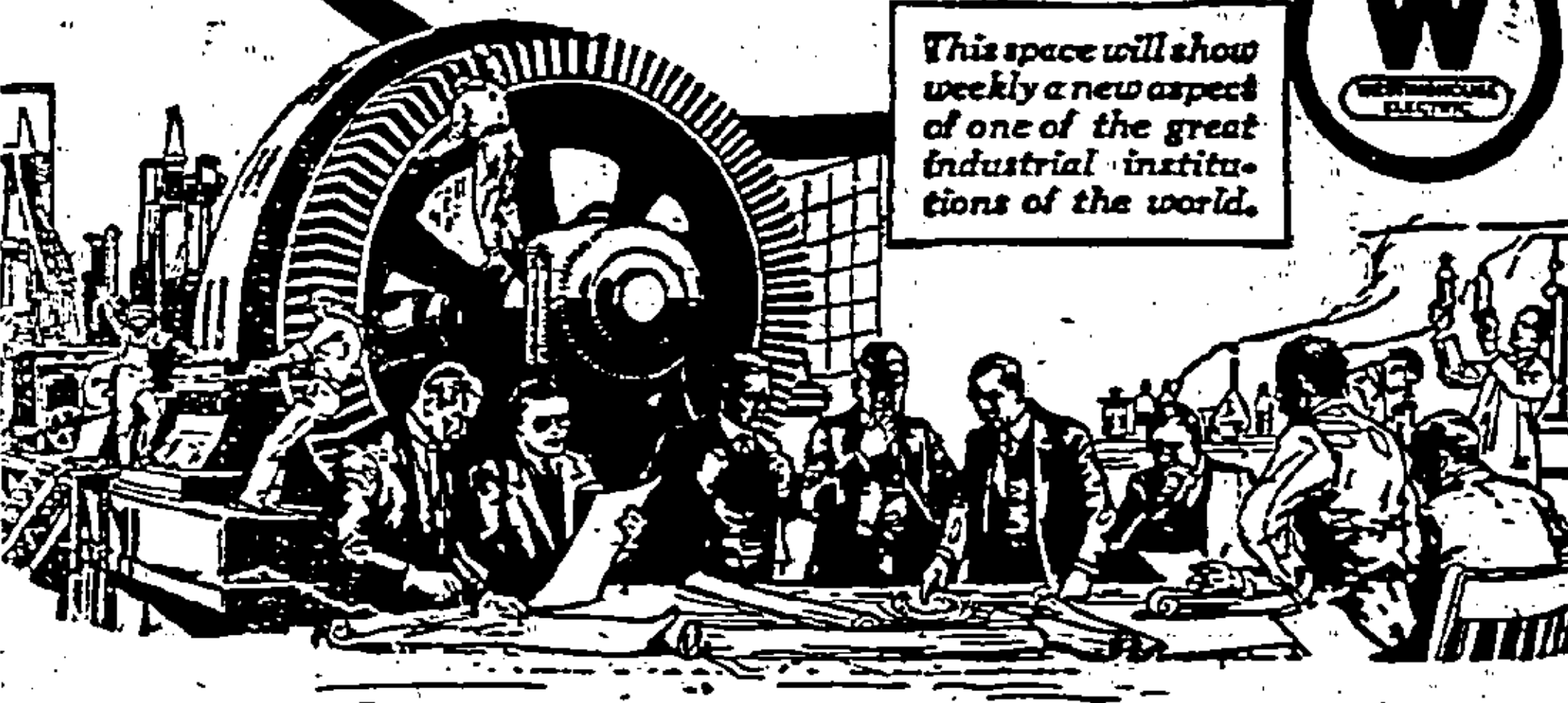
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of the world's knowledge of as-
tronomy, and it was to show their
appreciation of his labours that a
crowd of admirers, including
notable scientists and artists,
gathered on the lawn of his
home at Juvigny and organized
a fete in his honour. One of the
representatives of the astronomers
was Prince Bonaparte, who in a few
well-turned phrases declared that not
since Arago had we had so popular
an astronomer as Flammarion, who
had made the people appreciate the
beauties of the sky, which consoled
them for the ugliness of the earth.
In his homage, M. Vallee President
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during sixty years M. Flammarion,
by speech and the written word, had
initiated folk into the beauties of his
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work, instead of being a burden
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There was a pretty scene on the
sunlit lawn when youths came for-
ward and presented a Book of Gold
to the astronomer, and girls offered
him flowers. M. Reiball, Under-Sec-
retary of State of the Ministry of the
Interior, presented the homage of
the Government in an enthusiastically
applauded speech, to which M.
Flammarion made a witty reply. We
lived, he said, on an inferior planet,
where material necessities stifled
manifestations of the mind. To eat,
drink, and sleep sufficed for
many, for out of a hundred
persons there were scarcely two
or three who thought. He urged
his admirers to follow the example
of the Art and Work Association,
and always prefer mind to matter.
M. Quenisset, an astronomer, deliv-
ered a little lecture on astronomy,
in which he volunteered the informa-
tion that the moon was an "astre"
without interest, dead, and where
nothing moved, while Mars, on the
other hand, was inhabited and very
captivating. Beautiful girls danced
on the lawn to the music of Lullu and
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an interesting discussion opened by
a paper read by Mr. J. S. Cooper
at the Royal Asiatic Society's Rooms,
Shanghai, at a meeting of the En-
gineering Society of China, presided
over by Mr. A. P. Wood. After
discussing the reasons that brought
engineers to China and kept them
there, Mr. Cooper said that
after making allowances for other
causes, the deciding factor was
usually personal or even selfish.
Beyond that he claimed that engineers
had a duty in China. Pursuing the
subject more fully, Mr. Cooper said
that the commercial engineer who
sold plant he knew to be unsuitable,
the railway engineer who ceased to
insist on proper construction, the
consultant who allowed himself
to be overborne by the persis-
tence of ignorant clients, the
public utility engineer who thought
that just and equal service to all was
a hopeless ideal, and the construction
designer who took advantage of the
absence of proper building laws and
safety codes; all failed in their duty
to China and betrayed a trust which
circumstances and the blind gods of
chance had placed in their keeping.

If it was right to say that each
individual engineer had a duty to
China, surely it was right to claim
that the Engineering Society of China
had a still heavier responsibility
towards the country, whose name it
had assumed.

High aims should evoke not criti-
cism, but encouragement and praise,
and it was hoped that this society
would on no account abandon its
efforts to help the country in which
the members lived.

Proceeding to the different kinds
of engineer in China, the speaker went
on to say that however many
specialists the merchant may employ,
there were never enough to meet all
the extraordinary demands of the
Chinese engineer. The commercial
engineer thus found himself grappling
one hour with electrical problems,
the next with matters connected with
railways, or chemical plants, or coal
mines, or textile machinery, or paper
making, or water supply, or motor
boats, or any one of the endless
variety of questions that can spring
from four hundred million brains.

CHINESE PUZZLES.

The difficulties which concerned
engineers in China were the absence
of a stable system of law, ignorance
of the people in technical matters;
scarcity of engineering materials;
great distances and slow communica-
tions; language difficulties, and cus-
toms and usages of the country.

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Far East on March 19 and is due at
Shanghai on April 11, according to a
cablegram received in Shanghai by
Mr. B. C. Hall, traffic manager for
the Pacific Mail.

The new liner is the "Golden
State" and according to the schedule
announced, is to sail from Shanghai
for Japan ports, Honolulu and San
Francisco on April 28. It will make
the homeward trip from Shanghai to
America in 19 days. The trip out
will be made in 22 days.

The following schedule for the
"Golden State" is announced:

Leave San Francisco March 19
Honolulu March 25
Yokohama April 5
Kobe April 8
Shanghai April 11
Manila April 9
Hongkong April 25
Shanghai April 28
Kobe April 30
Yokohama May 3
Honolulu May 12

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athwartships.

Illustrating the distance and commu-
nication difficulties Mr. Cooper
pointed out that it was a great pity
that the ordinary atlas consisted
of pages of equal size, allot-
ting the same space to the maps
of England and China. It would
help to a better sense of proportion
if all maps of England were printed
on a sheet of note-paper, while maps
of China were allowed the space of
an ordinary dining table. This
would give a fair comparison in miles.
If, for miles was substituted time of
transport, the map of China should
be painted on the entire wall of a
large house. From London to Aber-
deen was a train ride. From Shang-
hai to Peking or Canton was a jour-
ney, and from Hongkong to Chengtu
or Lanchowfu was an expedition.

This interesting discourse was
concluded by a statement of the
qualifications specially needed for
work in these country. sound
technical training, particularly in first
principles; a good character, robust
health, willingness to learn, know-
ledge of human nature, adaptability
and resource, and willingness to
sympathize with and like the Chinese.
A lively discussion followed the
paper.

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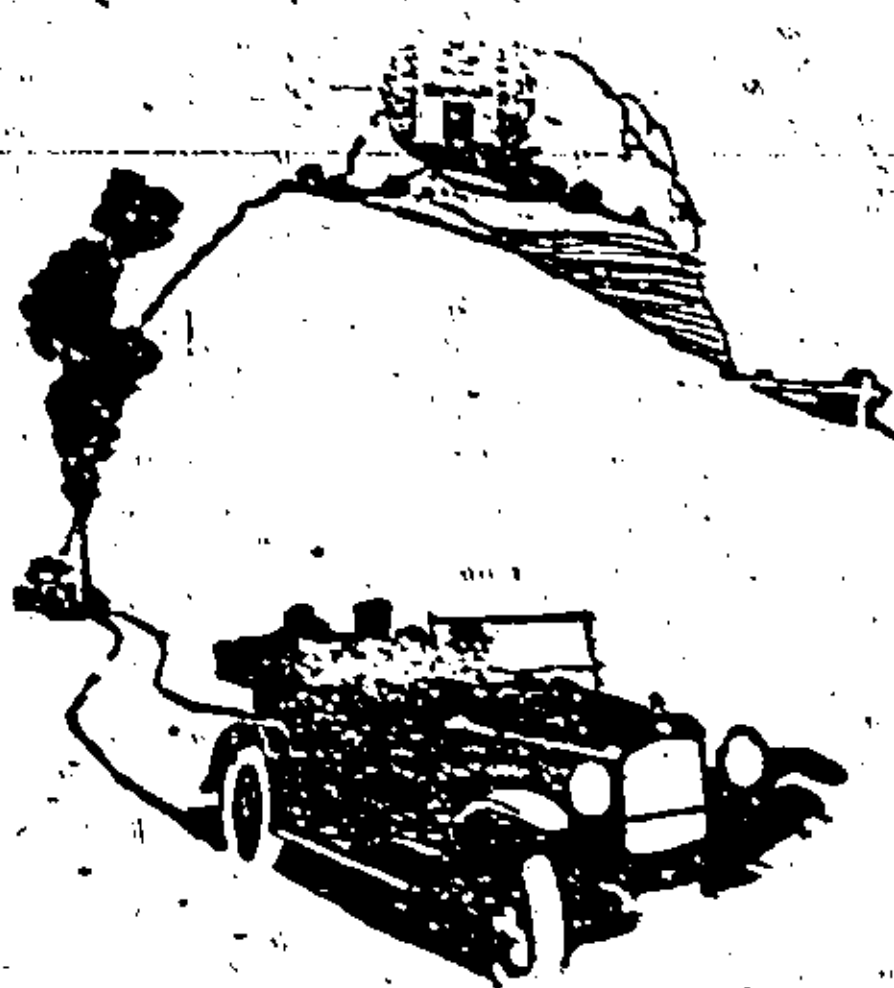
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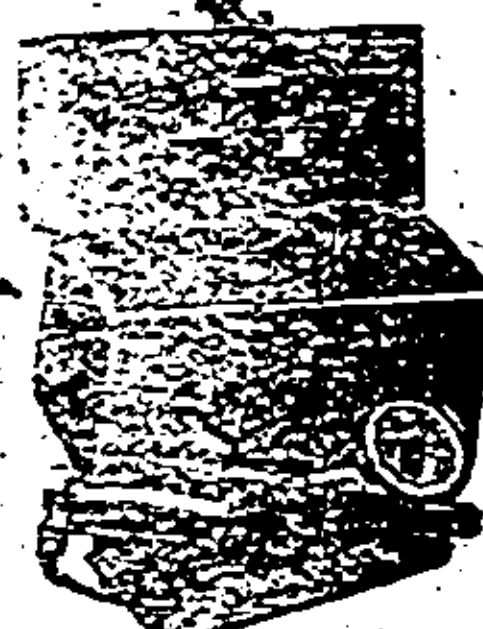
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MARRIAGE.

SPENCER—WEGENER.—At Shang-
hai, Mr. W. H. Spencer to Miss
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DEATH.

LAMBERT.—On November 30,
1920, at Los Gatos, Cal.,
U.S.A., Arnold Lambert, age 39,
late manager of The Chang Kai
Pang Wharves.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 1920.

THE WAR MEMORIAL.

The vivacious and telling letter which we published yesterday from the pen of a well-known local resident did full justice to one point of view of the War Memorial question. It rubbed well in the necessary reminder that here we have a thread and circumscribe more than ideals. The average Hongkong man is bored by ideals, as he has a disconcerting reason to know. Money-making, dancing, and out-door games are our chief occupations, and it seems increasingly difficult to interest local people in anything else. Occasionally they may be made to wear an air of mild curiosity, but this sense of interest lacks staying power. They watch the thunder-juxtaposition of the words "war" and "memorial" and then plunge in

sport again. All that they fear, these braves, is boredom, and that they run from, shrieking. The ideal of a new Europe and a better State (which promised during the earlier stages of the war to find lodgings) is now a victim of the Housing Shortage. No local door is open to it. It is confronted by closed minds. The people here live in a narrow little circle of small ideas and interests, and feel homesick and lost when tempted outside it. They are very like the people of Israel, who preferred a visible Golden Calf from Aaron to the invisible God of the mountain whose message Moses was to bring them. Mr. Dalziel (and there are others) is not like them. He does realize that there is more in the full life than three meals a day and the recreative games thereof.

Unfortunately, in choosing an ideal he has chosen one for which we are tempted to offer the same excuse as that given by the servant girl for her baby. It is only a little one. As we see it, it is hardly an ideal at all. He wants us to remember something we are unlikely to forget, and he is willing to spend a great deal of money to help us to recall what is extremely unlikely ever to leave our minds. A man who has had his leg cut off does not need to tie a string to his finger to remind him of it. A man who has had an eye knocked out does not tie a knot in his handkerchief, lest he forget his loss. A mother who has lost her child may because it is a custom and a sort of funeral ritual, frame a "mourning card" and put up a little stone in the cemetery; but she does not do these things in fear otherwise of forgetting. We are asked in this excellently written letter not to "knock the War Memorial," but really, the juxtaposition of the words "war" and "memorial" is itself absurd,

and demands an excuse if it is not to be "knocked." Who of this generation is likely to forget the war?

Then is the memorial intended for future generations, who may "know not Joseph"? We would have them remember it differently—in a very different light—from that in which a vainglorious memorial would be likely to present it. We want a sort of "circumspice" memorial or reminder for them. "The war? Do you require its monument? Look around you. They will look around, note the taxation they are paying, the high cost of living, the fearful way in which the march of civilization and culture has been retarded, just as we are doing now. Judging by ourselves, the memorial we need is a reminder of what we call pre-war conditions. They are becoming harder and harder to recall.

We are not likely to forget that numbers of brave young men laid down their lives in the war in the hope and the promise of securing better conditions, which have not yet arrived. We are not likely to forget that their great sacrifice was largely wasted, since the German armies were defeated by our fighters, but the German policies and philosophies have been adopted by our statesmen. A memorial for this? As well say that the wearer of a mustard plaster or of tight boots requires something to help him remember his pains. The only group of statuary we can conceive as appropriate would be made up of a young man in khaki, wounded and bleeding, looking up to the sky and praying, while around him on a lower level stands a ring of bloated profiteers, jeering at him. But the local committee of judges of War memorial designs would not pass that. We can picture them looking at one another in a shocked sort of way, and crying, like the French at Verdun, "it shall not pass." Yet as a memorial—a piece of real "let us forget" usefulness—it commends itself before anything they were likely to give us.

We, as a people, have already forgotten what we owe to the lads who fought for us. We have forgotten the enthusiastic appreciation with which we regarded them in our hour of need. We shall have conspicuously forgotten, if we persist in wasting a million dollar site and tens of thousands of dollars on a memorial stone on it, that many of them are without limbs, without jobs, without adequate pensions, without proper recognition. They ask us for bread: are we to offer them a "simple and dignified" stone? Not unless our hearts are as hard as our local granite, and our heads much softer. This club now proposed as a substitute does offer them something they can enjoy, something they will appreciate. The China Mail, therefore, is in favour of dropping the "finest site" scheme altogether, and of using the new club as the quite appropriate memorial. Carve across its facade, "Erected as Hongkong's memorial of the Great War, and of the lads who won it," if you like. Then there will be no forgetting that it is a memorial; and the fact that it is also something really useful to the lads is nothing that should tell against it.

OLD POST OFFICE SITE.

No bid. What a fizzle! After long and unexplained delay, the Old Post Office site has been put up to rump, and not a single bidder appeared. With Hongkong property supposed to be booming, this most central site fails to elicit an offer. There must be a reason. Many will now be casting about for explanations of this "smack in the face" for the Public Works Department. It is so described, because many feel that there has been too much "take it or leave it" arrogance behind the conditions so glibly imposed. If you want to sell, as the Government presumably did, you cannot push the buyers too far. We have already pointed out that the fault of the P.W.D. in this instance was the traditional "fault of the Dutch, conceding too little and asking too much." The lease was for 75 years only, and the price fifty dollars per square foot, with an annual ground rent besides of \$4,375 a year. That might have been all right, but the purchaser was not allowed to build above a certain height. He must build—to the satisfaction of the D.P.W.—in harmony with surrounding architectural styles. He could not have possession right away. And there was a penalty clause if he did not pull down the old buildings and start the new within a certain time.

We are told that this property could have been sold on favourable terms if the P.W.D. could have been waked up to twentieth century ideas. There was a Canadian builder here after it, desiring to erect a high block of business offices on the American plan, with several lifts, and a restaurant on the roof. There was plenty of money behind that scheme, but after wasting a month or two on it, the Canadian informed us that our Government was "too slow to deal with any big deal ones."

Another man who had gone into the figures of the proposition from the hotel point of view informs us that at the price and rental demanded, it could not possibly be made to pay.

There it is—left on our hands by people believing that property prices locally have touched high water mark and must soon begin to drop.

CAPTAIN MORGAN.

DEATH IN HONGKONG.

LONG CAREER IN THE EAST.

After an illness of about two years, Captain Morgan, for years the popular master of the steamer "Kwong Sai" of the Shui On Steamship Company, running between Hongkong and Canton, died on Friday. The funeral was held on Saturday evening.

Captain Morgan was a native of Belfast, and had been at sea in the East for many years. For a time he was in the service of Butterfield & Swire, and saw service also on a line to Australia. Until about 1898 he was Chief Officer and Captain in the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company, running to Bangkok. The "Kwong Sai," of which he was master for ten or eleven years, before his illness compelled him to give up his post, was originally the "Kwong Chow," which sank at the wharf in Kowloon during the typhoon of 1906. At the time Captain Morgan was Chief Officer of the vessel. Later she was saved, and he returned to her as Chief Officer, shortly being appointed Captain.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

BILL OF LADING INVOLVED.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL DETENTION.

In the Supreme Court this morning, before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, there was a hearing of the suit of Lee G. Kwong, trading as the Canada China Trading Company, 118 Tai Ping Shan, against Lee Fuk Nam, 233 Queen's Road Central, for \$337 damages for the alleged wrongful detention of a bill of lading. It was claimed that the bill of lading was issued by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha on March 27 to the plaintiff for 10 barrels of neutral spirits from the "Shinyo Maru," and stored in the Hongkong Kowloon godowns. It was alleged that defendant refused to hand it over to the plaintiff. Mr. T. Rowan, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Leo D'Almada for the defendant.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was fixed for 4.15 this afternoon when the proposed cemetery at Ho Mun Tin was to be considered.

The Editor of the Singapore Free Press was just closing the "Topicists" weekly Column when Toppo rushed in with most important news. "Here," he said, "put this in. Here's a man in Hongkong says since the war snobbery in Singapore has practically died a natural death!"

A Los Angeles message dated October 29, stated that a man was sentenced to a term of 100 years in San Quentin prison, following his conviction on two statutory charges. The maximum term for each offence is fixed by law at fifty years, and Judge Willis, who pronounced sentence, directed that the sentences run consecutively.

A Chinese married woman, aged 28 years, living at No. 107, Praya East, who was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from opium poisoning, is alleged by the other inmates of the house to have attempted suicide by swallowing her drug after a quarrel with her husband. Her condition is improving, and she should be fit for discharge from hospital in the course of the next couple of days.

Two cases of diphtheria, and one fatal case of plague, all Chinese, were reported yesterday. Last week six Chinese died from influenza (not notifiable) and one from cholera (imported). Of two cases of paratyphoid fever, both Chinese, one was fatal. One case of paratyphoid fever, British, one case of enteric fever, Chinese, and two cases of diphtheria, one Eurasian and the other Chinese (imported), were also reported during the week.

A announcement of the opening of the port of Maoka on the western coast of Saghalien for foreign trade is expected on or after April 1. As this is the only port on the island open the year around, it is believed that the total annual trade will reach \$5,000,000 when opened. The export of dried foodstuffs, timber, rice, charcoal and other commodities to Russian Saghalien and Siberia is steadily increasing.

THEATRE ROYAL.

WARWICK COMEDY CO.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING NIGHT.

The audience that braved last night's uncertain weather to attend the opening night of Mr. Edgar Warwick's comedy company, which in "Uncle Ned" initiated its season in Hongkong at the Theatre Royal, found its reward in an enjoyable performance. The production was marked by a fine sense of sympathy and a careful supervision of detail; the company itself was competent and admirably cast; and in general the performance was of a high order. It was, in short, an auspicious beginning, and gave promise that Hongkong's theatre-goers have before them an unusual opportunity for enjoyment.

In spite of its commonplace name, "Uncle Ned" is a very clever little comedy. It has been played most successfully at St. James' Theatre, London, and, in fact, was still on the bill when this company left London. The author is Douglas Murray. The story is laid in the country house of Sir Robert Graham, in Surrey, and had to do with the conversion of Sir Robert from an over-bearing, stiff-necked, impossible commercial old money-bags to a regular human being, soft-spoken and kindly. His method is to rule everyone under his jurisdiction with an iron hand. He is utterly without sentiment, cruel and domineering, and wholeheartedly despised by the country folk. His two pretty daughters are utterly cowed, and virtually slaves; his charming secretary is relegated to a position of mechanical routine.

Into this drab atmosphere of selfishness and arrogance comes "Uncle Ned," the younger brother of Sir Robert—a genial individual who writes plays, knows men and human character, and is possessed of an inexhaustible fund of philosophy. Impressed by the paths of the lives of his niece, he sets out to do what he can towards thawing the frigid personality of his elder brother. He does it breezily and pleasantly. The play is full of humour, and the audience last night was kept in ripples of laughter.

Through the play, two romances wind their way to happy conclusions. "Uncle Ned" has found in the charming secretary his long-lost sweetheart, and at the proper moment—which is just as the curtain is to go down on the last act—she accepts him. Sir Robert's elder daughter, it is learned, has been married secretly for some months, and is living in a state of constant fear that her surly father will discover it. It takes "Uncle Ned" to set this matter right. He does it deftly, and of the several "big moments" in the play, the biggest is the one when daughter and father—the changed Sir Robert—are united. This scene, especially, was most happily enacted, being strong, yet agreeably simple and restrained.

Of the players, Mr. N. Thorpe-Mayne in the part of Sir Robert was the central figure. The part lost nothing in his skilful handling. He made Sir Robert a taipan of unendurable ferocity, then gently, subtly, and consistently transformed him at the end into a lovable old gentleman. It was due perhaps more to the excellent work of Mr. Thorpe-Mayne than to the author's development of the idea that the change in Sir Robert was accomplished so successfully. It was a difficult thing to do. A trifle too much of one thing or too little of another would have made the transformation forced, and turned the deep sentiment of the incident into sheer banality. As it was, one could not pick a flaw in his performance.

The others had less in the way of character interpretation to accomplish, but did what they had to do efficiently and pleasingly. Mr. Edgar Warwick was "Uncle Ned," with the advantage of having the affection of the audience from the start. He was an entire success. Miss Mayne, as Miss Manning, the secretary to Sir Robert, was a most winning lady. Miss Dorothy Radford, as the elder daughter, and Miss Marjory Clark, as the younger daughter, were most pleasing in their parts. Mr. Frank Wheatley made a typical and amusing butler. Mr. Dudley Howarth was the son-in-law, and Mr. Tom Fenwick was Mears, a private enquiry agent.

The Company will present to-night "The Law Divine" with Miss Joan Mayne in the leading role, and Mr. N. Thorpe-Mayne as the principal male character.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 3 p.m. yesterday:—
The typhoon is crossing the Visayas Islands in the form of a shallow depression.

WHOOPING COUGH.

WHEN your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the child in bed, and give the child a good diet. The remedy will be required. This remedy will kill the cough, and make it easy to breathe. It has been used successfully in many instances, and as it contains no narcotic or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

"YANKEE SMARTNESS"

COMMERCIAL MORALITY.

INUENDOES REPUDIATED.

BITING CRITICISM OF HONGKONG EXPORT METHODS.

Under the title "Yankee Smartness," the following article, having to do with matters of interest in Hongkong, appears in the November number of the *Pacific Marine Review*, a magazine published in San Francisco.

Of late foreign publications, especially (it must be admitted with regret) those of our British cousins, have had much to say regarding "Yankee smartness." That phrase, in quotation marks, has fallen on more than a tinge of innuendo; it is, in fact, the favourite thrust in what appears an attempt to discredit American commercial houses. [Few well-informed Americans would claim absolute sanctity for their fellow-countrymen; as a people we are far from perfect; but as a people we are little disposed to concede perfection to the British, or any other foreign nationals, and at the same time shoulder the onus for all the violations of commercial good faith. The United States possesses as high a standard of business honesty as does any country in the world (to attempt to claim more would be to place ourselves in the unenviable situation now occupied by others who, as they themselves confess, are quite inaccurate); and it is a positive relief, after the countless repetitions of the quoted phrase "Yankee smartness," to discover an opportunity to fight out this question, to meet our foreign critics in a pitched battle.

The occasion arises from an editorial published in the *Rice Bowl*, the well-known house-organ of W. T. Welisch & Company, San Francisco. In the July, 1920, issue of that publication, an editorial, entitled "The Test," urged importers of rice to stand by their obligations, despite the crash of the market caused by the officially announced allotments of Rangoon rice. The editorial was countered by an article in the *Hongkong Telegraph*, which, although professing to admire the "outspoken article," seizes the opportunity to discharge several pieces of heavy artillery at us. Says the *Telegraph*: "Is it not also of considerable importance to maintain the standard of respectability all round? Many of the San Francisco importers of rice and sugar have not met their commitments. They have dishonoured their bills drawn under confirmed banker's credit. . . . The local (Hongkong) banks have bought these rice bills from the exporters here. . . . The exporters have repudiated all responsibility, and disclaim any interest in those rice stocks. . . . In the meantime, the rice that had been shipped to San Francisco has to be sold before it becomes bad and unfit for human consumption."If that account were true, the situation would be bad indeed. As a matter of fact the *Telegraph* has erred grievously. No single instance of rejection or repudiation on rice contracts by San Francisco factors has come to light. There have been many rejections of other commodities, such as vegetable oils, Java sugar, camphor, peanuts. And why? Was it because of "Yankee smartness"? Can the *Telegraph* reply?

These rejections were due to the unmerchantable quality of the goods, although certificates had been obtained by exporters (Hongkong exporters, among others) stating that the goods were standard; despite these certificates, the goods on arrival in San Francisco, were manifestly unmerchantable. . . . AN EXAMPLE FROM HONGKONG. In order that this statement may go home to Hongkong, let a specific instance be cited. A leading San Francisco business house, known favourably throughout the United States, ordered 500 tons of white Java refined sugar, 97/98 polarization, at a price of approximately 23 cents a pound, against which was given a letter of credit of \$250,000 United States gold. The sugar was shipped; it was received in San Francisco; and the American firm rejected it.

Why? For several reasons. More than 11 per cent. of the aggregate was sweepings, such stuff as an American family would not put upon a dining table. No less than four distinct grades of sugar were comprised in the shipment; the sweepings; a lighter brown, resembling the usual Hawaiian raws, but perhaps of finer grain; another still lighter, approximately the sugar that passes for refined throughout the Orient, but which is as different from refined, granulated, as day is from night; and, finally, a white, fine, dust-like stuff. Moreover, the polarization, instead of being 97 to 98, ranged from 92 to 97. The sample submitted by the Hongkong exporting company was a dry, free-running white sugar; the goods actually received were anything else.

On the inner burlaps of the bags were discovered no less than ten different Hongkong shipping marks; the bags were sweated badly; the sugar evidently had been "kicked

about Hongkong warehouses for a year. And that was the stuff that Hongkong Shipped to San Francisco as white Java refined.

Despite a potential profit of \$15,000, the American importing company refused to accept the shipment, although at that time, when the sugar shortage was worst, the stuff could have been unloaded upon the tables of American consumers. Fortunately for the buyer, the surveyor had erred and had omitted the word "granulated" from the description of 350 tons, and the bank failed to note this omission, so that the American importer was justified technically in repudiation. How the sugar itself also justified him has been seen clearly enough.

THE BANK'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Now, why should the Hongkong bank have permitted such stuff to be shipped? Did the bank believe that the sugar was up to specifications? Was the shipment surveyed by an unprejudiced and competent surveyor? Or did the corporation believe that anything was good enough for an American, despite our traditional "Yankee smartness"? Perhaps the *Hongkong Telegraph* can reply, such business morality as is manifest in this and other instances: the quoting of prices c. i. f., on the basis of whatever the Hongkong exchange rate may happen to be; the shipping of markedly inferior merchandise against an iron-bound letter of credit; and, finally, the delay of three or four years before the American business house can force recovery in the Hongkong courts.Does the *Telegraph* know that American importers have had such unpleasant experiences with South China wood oil that they virtually have abandoned any business in this commodity with Hongkong, preferring to deal with Hankow instead? Oils have been received in San Francisco from Hongkong that, despite analyses by Hongkong Government chemists, showed markedly variable qualities; the violation of specifications became so frequent that, as indicated, American importers are exceedingly wary of the Hongkong market. Nor is trouble confined to wood oil.

In 1919 a San Francisco importing company received a consignment of 10,000 bags of rice, shipped by its own representative Chinese house but certified as to weight by white surveyors of Hongkong. A few bags were weighed at the San Francisco dock; a shortage was disclosed such as to justify weighing the entire shipment, which was done both by public weighers and by representatives of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; the result of these surveys disclosed an average shortage of 5.4 pounds to the bag, or 54,000 pounds for the entire shipment. At that time rice was worth 9 or 10 cents.

"HANDS ACROSS THE SEA?"

Hongkong exporters are not the only source of trouble. A recent shipment of what purported to be No. 1 Saigon long-grain rice was anything else; anyone with eye to see could understand that the rice virtually was unmerchantable, at least in an American market. A San Francisco importer said that he willingly would lay down a cheque for \$100,000 if he never had bought Japanese peanuts in the shell; and other instances might be recited to almost any length.

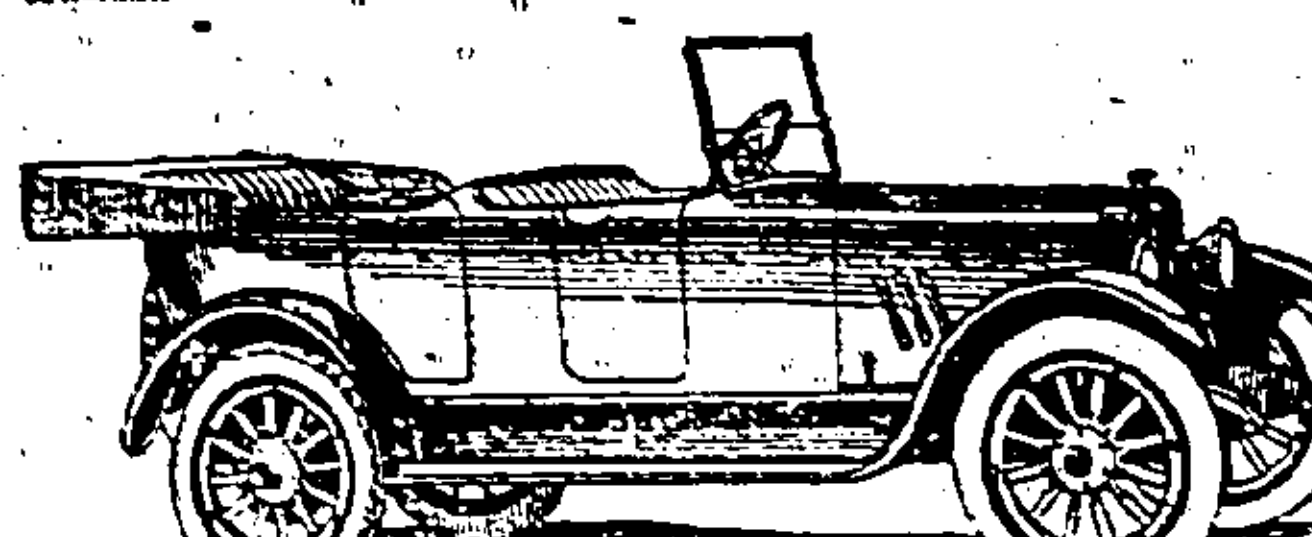
Dishonest American business men have done, and are doing, and (until the millennium comes) doubtless will continue to do, much that shames their nation. Such persons merit the condemnation of their fellow-countrymen no less than that of foreigners. But American business men generally are not inclined to remain silent when accused of all the crimes on the commercial calendar; they certainly are not disposed to plead guilty to all the sins of the business world. The British are benefiting neither themselves nor us when they sneer at "Yankee smartness." Hongkong, in common with San Francisco, is under obligation to clean its own house; the British, whether in Singapore or London, are under obligation to play fair with America, to manifest their sportsmanship by frankly pleading guilty to their own faults. America must do no less. Otherwise, if either nation fail, hands across the sea" must remain a dream.

Mr. E. Everett, the Shanghai American postmaster, has received a letter from one of the prisoners in Bilbilid sent from Shanghai in the course of which he says:—"When you see the Hon. Judge Lobinger tell him that I am getting on fine and that Bilbilid is all that can be desired for a prison, and that I have a good assignment here and do not intend to let this one crime wreck my life, but will try and make use of the time I spend here."

Mr. T. R. Percy, General Agent for the passenger department of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., in Yokohama, who has been transferred to Hongkong, will soon leave for China. Mr. Percy will visit en route principal cities and ports in Japan, Korea and China, and taking the Columbia from Shanghai he will come to Hongkong via Manila. Mr. Percy was succeeded by Mr. G. P. Castello who has already arrived in Japan.

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FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

APPEAL TO PRINCES AND PEOPLE OF INDIA.

DELHI, December 6.
In response to the appeal of the British famine relief committee in Peking, the Viceroy has placed the appeal before the princes and people of India, expressing confidence that their knowledge of the calamity of North China will result in their giving a generous response.

INDIA'S NEW COUNCILS.

EVERY CHANCE OF SUCCESS FOR NEW CONSTITUTION.

MANY MODERATES ELECTED.

DELHI, December 6.

The elections for the new Councils, which have not yet been completed, show poor voting. Many prominent persons from the late Legislative Council have been elected and the new Legislative Assembly will contain a large percentage of moderates. The results of the polls indicate that the new constitution has every chance of success in spite of the fact that a considerable portion of political influence remains outside the Council owing to Gandhi's non-cooperation propaganda.

BURMA RICE.

EXPORT PERMISSIBLE UNDER LICENCE NEXT YEAR.

DELHI, December 6.

Burma traders are to be allowed to export rice from January 1 to any destination under licence. The Government estimates that out of 2,100,000 tons of white rice, 1,000,000 tons will be available for export to foreign countries from Burma. This amount will be increased if India does not require the balance. The Government reserves power to re-impose strict control if a rise in prices necessitates it.

CABLE DISPUTE.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION MEETS A DEADLOCK.

NEW YORK, December 3.

The *New York Times* understands that the deadlock in the international commission (mentioned in our earlier cables) has principally arisen owing to a conflict between France and the United States over the German cable which France cut and diverted from Emden to Brest. It is believed that the United States declines to afford the cable an American landing if France insists on retaining it.

AMERICAN FINANCE.

HUGE ESTIMATES SHOW A DECREASE.

NEW YORK, December 6.

The Secretary of the Treasury has transmitted to Congress estimates for 1922 amounting to \$4,654,000,000, an increase of nearly a billion dollars over the appropriations for the current year, but \$211,000,000 less than last year's estimates. This year's estimates continue the war-time costs, those for the Army being \$699,000,000 and for the Navy \$668,000,000. The Republican congressional leaders are preparing for enormous reductions in the Democratic administration's estimates.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Changsha," Captain Gambrill, 1,463 tons, arrived this morning at 7 a.m. from Manila with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Somali," Captain W. H. Colegrave, 4,193 tons, arrived this morning at 7.30 a.m. from Shanghai with 77 bags of mail and 160 tons of general cargo etc.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Hainan," Capt. Passmore, sailed for Foochow via Swatow and Amoy at noon to-day with 300 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Kwaisang," Captain Hussey, sailed for Calcutta via Singapore at 3 p.m. to-day with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Tathylus," Capt. Mansfield, sailed for Seattle via Kobe at 4 p.m. to-day with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Glenfalloch," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Swatow and Amoy at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Lokang," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Haiphong via Hobei at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Somali," British, cleared to-day and will sail for London via Singapore at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

A burglar who broke into the Brierley Hotel at Addlestone was coolness personified, and, apparently preparing for the increased bread charges, he partook of a meal and shaved himself on the premises, then carried off three loaves of bread and shaving requisites. He was evidently after the club money, for the burglary followed pay-night at the Brierley Club, and the treasurer resided on the premises.

HOUSE COLLAPSES.

DYING MAN'S GROANS.

FRANTIC EFFORT AT RESCUE FAIL.

In connection with the collapse of No. 114, Queen's Road East, yesterday morning, the total number of casualties is now given as nine, five dead and four seriously injured.

The rescue work was carried out by the Police, the Sanitary Board, and the Fire Brigade up till 11 a.m., by which time eight men had been dug out. Operations were then suspended on the advice of Mr. A. E. Wright, of the P.W.D., who pointed out that as the other walls of the house were not supported, it would not be safe for the rescuers to go on with their work until the walls had been shored up. Work was resumed in the afternoon when the debris piled up to about the height of one floor of the house was shovelled away. Another dead body was discovered and removed to the public mortuary. During the morning operations, the rescuers heard groans from among the debris, but in spite of frantic efforts it was impossible to reach the unfortunate man in time to save his life. Appearances would suggest that the man was destitute from Canton and Singapore.

Dr. Hargreaves, a distinguished Australian chemist, has warned the Federal Conference of Master Bakers that the nations eating white bread are getting close to the border line of neuritis, and advocated brown bread. Modern science (he says) demands that wheat should be milled whole. Campaigns in favour of whole meal bread will, no doubt, shortly be launched in America and England, and Australia must take prompt action. The bakers agreed with his observations, but said that Australians, with the exception of cranks and dyspeptics, refused to eat brown bread.

BRITISH EDUCATION.

CHINESE POINT OF VIEW.

WHERE THE PRESENT SYSTEM FAILS.

Commenting on the debate on the year's budget in the Hongkong Legislative Council the *N. C. D. News* says that the Chinese point of view with regard to the efforts of British education in China was admirably expressed by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak. A keener observer of the relations between Britons and Chinese in Hongkong it would be difficult to meet and when he advances the charge that, despite the wonderful efforts made by the British for education in China during the last 70 years, they had failed to meet the students of their schools in after life on a satisfactory footing, such a charge has to be considered as having more than a little weight. There can be little doubt as to the necessity for the furtherance of British education among Chinese, but to make its benefits real it is incumbent upon Britons in China to assist in making those cultural surroundings which tuition in England has led the Chinese student to expect. He desires neither patronage nor familiarity—he has become too much a man of the world for that, but he does expect that when he leaves the British centres of learning he can come back to China and be certain of some few hours a week when he can meet people whose trend of thought follows that which he had learned to adopt in a far country. He has been taught to think along lines foreign even to his relatives, and, besides the injury to his own personality which the present attitude involves, there is the added fact that amongst his own people he is a man apart. It is a wonder that he even tries to retain the finer points of his training in view of such discouragement, but he does and would do even more if it were possible for him to mix on an equal social footing with those whose compatriot he was in the British Isles.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE GRINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED.

THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd December, 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1920, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th December, 1920, until THURSDAY, the 23rd December, 1920, both days inclusive.

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- 1 Pt. D.O.M.
- 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Australian Burgundy
- 1 Martell's XXX Brandy
- 2 " King George IV W.L. Whisky or Perfection
- 1 Tawny Dry Port
- 1 St. Julien Claret
- 1 D.O.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin
- 1 Vin de France Yellow Seal Sherry
- 1 phial Pomeranian Bitters

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No. 3 HAMPER.

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FUNERAL.

LATE MR. A. G. GORDON.

INTERMENT, YESTERDAY.

The funeral of the late Mr. Alexander Grant Gordon, whose remains were cremated at Bombay where he died on June 21 while travelling home from Hongkong, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, in the presence of a large assemblage who came to pay their last tribute to an old and respected resident of the Colony.

The chief mourners at the funeral were Mr. F. Maitland and Mrs. A. C. Leith. The Rev. J. G. Williams, the temporary pastor of Union Church, conducted the burial service.

Among those present were Mr. R. G. Shevan, the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stubb, the Hon. Mr. P. Hobson Holyoak, Mr. T. F. Hough, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. E. J. Grist, Mr. D. E. Clark, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Mr. Duncan Clark, Mr. G. Grimble, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. G. M. Shaw, Mr. D. Abbey, Mr. J. Dalzell, Mr. D. Templeton, Mr. J. Rodgers, Mr. C. Blaker, Mr. A. Keith, Mr. G. Miskin, Mr. C. Kinck, Mr. J. D. Kinnard, Mr. A. Keating, Mr. R. W. Lee-Jones, Mr. H. H. Taylor, Lieut.-Comdr. Spofford, Lieut. McNair, Mr. T. W. Hill, and Mr. T. Neave.

Wreaths were sent by Mother, Auntie Jeanie, Alice and Frank, Alex. and Alister, Hilda and Frank, Dodo and Curly, Jean and Allan, Peggy and Reginald. Staff of the Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Messrs. Shevan, Tomes & Co., Messrs. Shevan, Tomes & Co. (Machinery Dept.), China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, Messrs. Dowdell & Co., Takoo Docks, Chinese moulders, Chinese engineers, Chinese fur-tacemen, Chinese carpenters, office boys, crew of the steam launch "Peggy," Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Holyoak, Mr. T. F. Hough, Mr. R. G. Shevan, Mr. G. M. Dowdell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hancock, Mr. R. W. Lee Jones, Mr. A. Keating, Mr. A. Keith, Mr. W. C. Shiner, Mr. A. Burton, Mr. Loureiro, Mr. W. S. T. Stopani, Mr. H. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. T. Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bevington, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Plummer, Mr. G. Miskin, Mr. C. Blaker, Mr. and Mrs. G. Grimble, Mr. and Mrs. E. Grimble, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moxon, Mr. Leslie Smith, Mr. J. W. Paton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Greig, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forbes, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rodgers, and family, Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Coppin, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Griffin, Mr. Tong Lai Cheun, Mr. and Mrs. Fung Shiu Wu, Mr. N. J. Stubb, Mr. G. E. Towns and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and several others.

LOCAL EDUCATION.

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LIST OF PASSES.

The passes in the Oxford Preliminary (1920) are as follows:—
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Dismissed by the Jewish chroniclers of the Old Testament with little more than passing reference, in company with the other inhabitants of Palestine who opposed the Hebrew invaders, the Hittites nevertheless were one of the great nations of antiquity. Traditionally the descendants of Heth, the second son of Canaan, they were one of the most powerful nations of Western Asia during the earliest portion of biblical history, and at the height of their power held sway from the Asiatic coast of the Aegean to the mountains of Armenia. Furthermore, they wrested Northern Syria from Egypt, and when they occupied Upper Mesopotamia, neither Babylon nor Assyria was strong enough to oppose them. The great period of Hittite history ranged from the sixteenth century until 717 B.C., when the empire was finally destroyed as the result of a disastrous war with the Assyrians. The monuments left by the Hittites are numerous and spread over a vast extent of territory. In addition to the strange hieroglyphic rock-inscriptions scattered over the greater part of Asia Minor, they left innumerable seals holding for the diligent student many interesting and intimate details of their history from the Hittite standpoint, an aspect which naturally received much less consideration in the Egyptian and Assyrian records from which most of their early history in Western Asia was gleaned until the discovery, about thirteen years ago, of the royal archives in Khattai, the capital city of their empire, now identified at Boghaz Keui in Cappadocia. Constituting the only extant remains representing all the periods of Hittite civilization open to arrangement in something like a continuous series, the Hittite glyptic objects are of the utmost interest and value to the student of the period in question. The honour of presenting the first serious study of the Hittite glyptic family in its archaeological relations has fallen to Mr. D. G. Hogarth, keeper of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford, a copy of whose erudite work *Hittite Seals* (23-13-6), published in admirable form by the well-known Clarendon Press, has been received by the *China Mail*. Mr. Hogarth, who first began to interest himself in these objects when, in 1894, he chanced on a number of them in the market of Aintab in North Syria writes with particular reference to the Ashmolean Collection to which he has paid special attention during the past seven years, taking full advantage of unusual opportunities of adding specimens procured in the Near East either by himself or by agents, with the result that it is now doubtful if a collection in any museum or in private hands covers so well the field of Hittite glyptic. This representative collection therefore forms an admirable basis for a valuable pioneer effort to classify Hittite glyptic. The scope of the work covers the area and period of the Hittite glyptic, roller-seals (cylinders), stamp seals, amulets and pendants, chronology and local origin. A detailed catalogue is given of the Ashmolean Collection, to which also a special chapter is devoted. Of exceptional interest is the historical summary tracing the progress of the glyptic art. A useful index is also given. The work, which is produced in a manner in keeping with the high reputation of the Clarendon Press, is sumptuously illustrated, the numerous glyptic objects figuring either in the text or in the beautiful plates with which the book is embellished, being represented in the full size of the originals. Glyptic—just to drag in this pleasant word once more—means carved previous stones.

According to *Church Notes*, the St. John's Cathedral Magazine, the finances of the Cathedral are in a very bad state. None of the income from the Chater Endowment Fund will be received till April, 1921. On the strength of this fund the Church Body authorised considerable expenditure including \$100 a month, to the Bishop to make good some of the loss on exchange, and \$50 a month for the care and repair of the organ. The Hon. Treasurer says that unless a special effort is made we shall have a deficit at the end of the year of nearly \$3,000. To avert this, we hope donations will be sent to the Hon. Treasurer and increased offerings given at the collections.

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HAMBURG, LONDON & ROTTERDAM via Suez. LIMA MARU ... Monday, 13th Dec., at 11 a.m.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez. HAMAKURA MARU ... Middle of December.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Dec., at 11 a.m.
NIKKO MARU ... Middle of January.

NEW YORK via Manila, Java, Straits, Suez.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape. HAKODATE MARU ... Sailing from Singapore ... Sunday, 15th December.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore. RANGOON MARU ... Beginning of January.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang. YAMASHIRO MARU ... Saturday, 18th December.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. SHANGHAI MARU (omit Yokohama) ... Wednesday, 8th December.

SHIDZUKA MARU ... Saturday, 11th Dec., at 11 a.m.
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LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

IMPORTANT CANADIAN AMENDMENT.

ARGENTINA'S WITHDRAWAL.

GENEVA, November 6

The Canadian delegate, Mr. Doherty, in the Assembly, moved an amendment for the elimination of Article X of the Covenant under which members undertake to respect territorial integrity and to preserve against external aggression mutually. This is one of the obnoxious clauses in the eyes of the United States. The proposal was probably intended to facilitate the entry of the United States into the League. It is noteworthy that Senator McCormick, a close friend of the President-Elect, is proceeding to Geneva to submit Senator Harding's views. The Canadian delegates made a statement that they are quite ready for the amendment to come up at the next assembly in accordance with the resolution covering all the amendments carried last week.

SIGNIFICANT DECISION.

LONDON, December 6.

The proceedings of the League of Nations Assembly have up to the present been in the character of discussions in committee. Its most significant decision has been the postponement of the amendments to the Covenant tabled on November 25. The Scandinavian delegates testified to the goodwill which characterizes the spirit of the Assembly by concurring in the decision, but the Argentine delegation has withdrawn from the Assembly on the ground that the shelving of its amendments is tantamount to a rejection of the international ideals for which Argentina has always stood. The consensus of opinion among the delegates is that it is better to postpone the amendments till experience has been gained in the actual working of the present Covenant.

AMERICA'S ABSENCE FELT.

It is suggested that the Assembly, which is apparently marking time in the absence of America, should appoint a special commission after the break up of the Assembly to consider amendments to the Covenant with a view to negotiating for the admission of the new American administration before the Assembly of 1921. M. Branting, interviewed by Reuters, recognised that the Assembly was justified in cautiously approaching the revision of the statutes. He hoped that the Argentine delegation would reconsider its decision.

The withdrawal of Argentina from the League is not confirmed. A Buenos Ayres message states that the Foreign Secretary informed Reuters that he knew nothing about the matter.

LORD ROBERT CECIL'S FAITH.

GENEVA, December 6.

The Argentine delegates were absent from the Assembly of the League to-day. Lord Robert Cecil regretted Argentina's action. He said that if all the members acted in a similar manner no progress could be made, but his faith in the League was unshaken. M. Branting moved that the Argentine proposal to admit all sovereign states and the Canadian proposal for the suppression of Article X be referred to a committee to report to the next Assembly.

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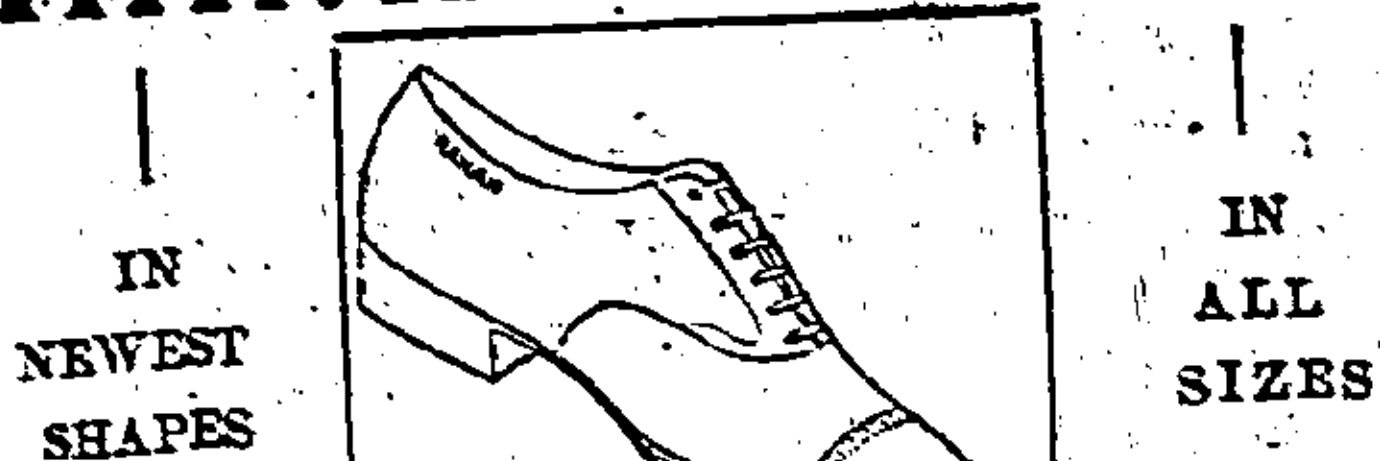
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UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL

"TAMAR" v. "CARLISLE"

A large gathering of Service men was present at Happy Valley yesterday evening to watch the above match in the United Services Football League. In view of "Tamar's" severe defeat at the hands of the Wilts last week, the match was expected to end in an easy win for the "Carlisle" men, but "Tamar" held their own and put up a most creditable and even struggle.

Kicking off, the "Tamar" forwards went away on the left wing with Stone running strongly. Barrett was just in time to clear a well timed centre and the ball was sent to midfield. The "Carlisle" men then pressed, but "Tamar's" goalie too was prepared, and saved beautifully from McCarthy and Harris. When "Tamar" next visited enemy territory, Handford and Heap combined very well up to the goal-mouth, where Heap centred nicely to Swinney, who, however, kicked the ball right into the goalie's hands. After a bit of ding-dong play at midfield, the "Carlisle" forwards broke away and McCarthy sent in a long dropping shot which the goalie misjudged. He was just able to retrieve his mistake and send the ball over the cross bar as it was going over his head. Fawcett took the corner kick, but Castle cleared the ball to midfield where, after a good run down the line, Stone shot wide. Play was very fast with the "Carlisle" having the best of the exchanges, but no matter how they tried, they could not beat the goalie. Half time came with the score sheet blank.

The second half opened just as fast with the "Carlisle" kicking off. They did not keep the ball long before they were robbed, and the "Tamar" forwards were on the war path. The attack was spoiled by Styles being ruled off-side. Pavey put Fawcett in possession and the latter took the ball to enemy territory, but his shot was cleared without much difficulty by Giles. The "Tamar" forwards came again after a spell at midfield, and in the course of a *melee* in front of goal, forced a corner. Heap placed the ball nicely in front of goal, but it bounded in and out of the danger zone until Barrett put it to touch. This half was very evenly contested with both ends of the field visited in quick succession. "Carlisle" were more dangerous when in front of goal, and it looked as if they would have to score, but shots which came in from all angles and ranges were disposed of with extraordinary ease by the "Tamar" goalie, who was playing as cool and steady a game as one could wish to see. The final whistle came with the score sheet still blank.

The teams were—
"Tamar"—Powell; Castle, Batchelor; Bennett, Lawson, Pugh; Handford, Styles, Swinney, Stone and Heap.
"Carlisle"—Moseley; Ashford, Barrett; Gulew, Pavey, Harris; Winslade, Harris, McCarthy, Goff and Fawcett.

Referee—Mr. Pragnell.

"HAWKINS" IN LEAGUE.

At a meeting of the United Services League, the "Hawkins" team was elected to the League and will take up the R.E. dates in the future list, the Engineers having been compelled to drop out of the League owing to the difficulty in raising a team.

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SENIOR DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St. Joseph's	4	4	0	0	13	2	8
Queen's	4	3	1	0	11	3	6
St. Paul's	4	1	2	1	3	3	3
St. Stephen's	4	1	2	1	3	3	3
Diocesan	4	0	4	0	15	0	0

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St. Joseph's II	3	3	0	0	9	2	6
St. Paul's II	4	3	1	0	11	6	6
Queen's II	3	1	2	0	7	6	2
St. Stephen's II	3	0	3	0	15	0	0

JUNIOR DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Wantsai	5	0	0	26	0	10	0
St. Paul's Jrs.	4	3	1	0	15	2	6
St. Joseph's Jrs.	4	3	1	0	15	4	6
Anglo-Indian	3	2	1	0	7	3	4
Saiyungun	4	2	2	0	3	10	4
Yau-mai	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Queen's Jrs.	4	0	3	1	14	1	0
Ellis Kadourie	4	0	4	0	1	15	0
Ying Wa	3	0	3	0	15	0	0

HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

SECOND DIVISION RESULTS.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St. Joseph's	6	5	1	0	19	3	10
R.G.A. Res.	6	5	1	0	15	7	10
Kowloon Res.	6	3	1	2	11	7	8
Oilers United	7	3	3	1	15	7	7
United F.C.	6	3	2	1	14	12	7
Club	7	3	4	0	9	7	6
S. China Res.	7	3	4	0	14	11	6
Indian R.C.	7	3	4	0	12	17	6
Staff & Depts	5	2	2	1	8	8	5
Club de Recreo	6	1	4	1	8	15	3
"Carlisle"	2	1	1	0	4	4	2
22nd Punjab	7	1	6	0	4	34	2

CRICKET.

M.C.C. v. VICTORIA.

RHODES' FINE BOWLING.

Melbourne, Nov. 15.—Owing to heavy rain no play was possible today between Victoria and the M.C.C. Melbourne, Nov. 16.—For the fourth day of the match between Victoria and the M.C.C. the weather had cleared, although it was still cool. Owing to the previous day's rain no play was possible before a quarter past one, when Hearne and Hendren continued the visitors' innings. The attendance was small. Hearne left at 335, but 75 runs were added to Saturday's total, without further loss, when at three o'clock Douglas declared the innings closed, shortly after Hendren had completed his century. McDonald and Ryder were the only bowlers to meet with any success, the former taking two wickets for 65 runs and the latter one for 76.

Requiring 144 runs to save the innings defeat, the home side faded badly before the bowling of Rhodes and Woolley, who both derived the utmost advantage from the state of the pitch. The first wicket put on 23 runs, and then two more wickets fell without any addition to the score, and six were down for 36. Ransford and Lidkitt took the score to 68 for the seventh wicket, but the remaining batsmen gave little trouble, and the whole side was out for 85, the M.C.C. thus winning easily by an innings and 59 runs. Rhodes took six wickets for 39 runs, and Woolley 4 for 27 runs.

Scores—Victoria 1st Innings 274.

M.C.C.

Hobbs, c. Moyes, b. Ryder	131
Russell, c. Muller, b. McDonald	49
Hearne, c. Ryder, b. McDonald	87

Hendren, not out.....106
Woolley, not out.....36
Extras.....9

Total (for 3 wickets) 418

Innings declared closed.

VICTORIA—2nd INNINGS.

Tayne, c. Hendren, b. Rhodes	11
Park, b. Rhodes	12
Ryder, b. Rhodes	9
James, c. Hendren, b. Woolley	9
Ransford, c. Fender, b. Rhodes	21
McDonald, c. Douglas, b. Rhodes	23
Lidkitt, not out	23
McDonald, c. Douglas, b. Rhodes	3
Ellis, c. Douglas, b. Woolley	1
Muller, b. Woolley	0
Extras	3

Total.....85

RUGBY.

ARMY v. "CURLEW."

A large gathering witnessed a very interesting rugby football match on the Club ground, Happy Valley, yesterday evening when an Army combination played a friendly game against the "Curlew" XV. The standard of "rugger" exhibited was excellent, and the game was very fast and exciting throughout.

The Army set the oval in motion, and were soon well down the field. The "Curlew" men failed to gather, and the leather went into touch. A scrum resulted in the "Curlew" getting away. They combined very well together, but just as a score seemed inevitable, they were pulled up for forward passing. "Curlew" continued to press, but the Army had no difficulty in clearing. The Army then forced the pace, but ended in putting the oval to touch. The game continued to be evenly contested, with both packs of forwards on the offensive alternately. Neither side, however, seemed able to do better than put the leather into touch. From a throw-in in their territory, the sailors went away and forced a scrum very near the Army line. They broke away from this very smartly, and making a dash for goal, scored the first try of the match. It was not converted. The sailors now led by three points after ten minutes play. Stung by this reverse, the soldiers gathered, and running through with keen determination and brilliant passing scored their try, which also was not converted.

The scores were now even. From this point of the game up to the half time, the spectators had all the excitement they wanted, with both packs of forwards doing their utmost to secure the lead. Several narrow shaves at either end were stopped in the nick of time by the defences. At half time the score read three points all.

The second moiety was faster than the first, with the forwards making strenuous efforts to assume the lead, only to find the defences equally determined not to let anything through. The soldiers assumed the offensive first and gave the sailors' defence a very anxious five minutes before the "Curlew" forwards got away and returned the compliments at the other end of the field. The soldiers again assumed the offensive after a while, only to be pulled up for forward passing. From a scrum which followed the sailors were hard pressed but managed to survive the attack and clear the oval with a long kick to midfield. Here the oval was kept for a good spell, with the forwards of either side being brought to earth immediately they tried to get away.

A free kick awarded to the Army resulted in the "Curlew" men gathering and taking the oval to enemy territory where they were pulled up for offside. Another free kick was registered against them, but they were undaunted; they gathered again and broke through, scoring their second try which was beautifully converted for five points. With the sailors leading by 8 points to 3, the soldiers warmed up to their task, and gathering the oval from a scrum, displayed excellent combination which resulted in their scoring a try. This was converted, and the scores were again even. The soldiers made two determined attempts to assume the lead after this, but in the first instance the oval went to touch, and in the other a knock-on spoiled the effort. The sailors then got away nicely, and from a throw-in enemy territory, scored a converted try which added five points to their score of 8. With a big handicap against them the soldiers now renewed their efforts and scored a try from a throw-in. They followed this up by converting, with a converted try, and the scores were brought to 13 all, at which stage the final whistle came, and the game was brought to a satisfactory close.

The teams were—
Army—Phillips (Wilsa), Murray (M.S.), Tomory (R.A.M.C.), Bevan

(Wilsa), Bevan (R.G.A.), Emerson (22nd Punjab), Davies (R.G.A.), Sergeant (Wilsa), Dodington (Wilsa), Mortimer (R.G.A.), Meredith (R.G.A.), Bristow (R.G.A.), Blagham (R.G.A.), Dodwell (R.G.A.), Morton (22nd Punjab).

"Curlew"—Addington, H.M.S., Grimthe, Lewis, Wilkinson, Halliday, South, Boswell, Densham, Ayres, Dodge, Dennis, Morris, Couch, Wilson and Flock.

Referee: Mr. Hamilton.

GOLF.

SCOTLAND v. THE REST.

Owing to pressure on space yesterday, the full results of the above annual match, which was played at Fanning on Sunday, had to be held over. The Rest won by 114 points. The scores were:

SCOTLAND.

T. W. Hill.....0
B. D. C. Morgan.....1
T. S. Forrest.....0
J. L. Crockett.....14
Major Leslie Smith.....0
A. H. Ferguson.....1
J. B. Ross.....0
Hon. John Johnstone.....0
E. Davidson.....1
N. C. Wilson.....1
E. G. Jamieson.....1
R. E. Macdonald.....1
R. Bruce.....0
J. D. Kinnaird.....14
T. R. Chasels.....14
E. F. Nicoll.....0
J. W. Paton.....0
K. S. Morrison.....14
Dr. Chas. Forsyth.....14
Dr. Valentine.....14
F. Maitland.....14
W. J. Marshall.....14
W. J. Morrison.....0
G. M. Young.....14

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THE REST.

Major Bagnall.....1
R. D. Woodhouse.....14
H. M. Smith.....1
G. S. Archbutt.....0
Captain James.....14
Capt. W. E. Gribbell.....14
W. D. Kraft.....14
Captain Warner.....1
P. J. Paravicini.....14
A. H. Crew.....0
C. E. H. Beavis.....1
R. A. Camidge.....0
R. Hancock.....14
Major Downing.....1
Major Edwards.....14
N. L. Smith.....14
J. Hooper.....14
F. Beverton.....14
Comdr. Woodhouse.....0
M. M. Maas.....0
Col. Cox.....0
L. N. Leale.....0
H. Scott.....14
L. S. Greenhill.....1

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FREAK GOLF CLUBS.

CENTRE-SHAFTED PUTTER AND RIBBED MASHIE.

R. Enderby Howard writes in the Daily Mail—

A recent picture of Charles Evans junior, showed him in possession of the strange-looking putter which he used so successfully in the United States amateur golf championship.

There have been a good many inquiries in Britain concerning this latest creation. Evans once had the reputation of being an inveterate miser of short punts. It was the only weakness in his game. Obviously, anything that could help him to overcome it might work out the salvation of similar sufferers.

There can be little doubt, however, that the club would be barred in this country. The head is in the shape of a triangle, to the apex of which is fixed the shaft. Thus the shaft is in the centre of the club, and the principle is the same as in the mallet, the use of which is prohibited here. The heel stands out as far on one side as does the toe on the other.

That the centre-shafted effect is a great help in putting admits of little doubt. Nearly everybody stands well over the ball in this department of the game. To have the ball and the shaft in line instead of having to strike the ball with a head that stands out from the shaft is clearly an advantage.

It is exemplified in the Schenectady putter, which our amateur champion, Cyril Tolley, tells me "is used by nearly every golfer in the States."

Tolley tried one, and said he would have used it in the championship and played with it for ever if it had been legal in Britain.

ST. ANDREWS DISCOVERY.

The old St. Andrews club-makers discovered the value of the centre-shafted idea, and put it into partial effect. If you examine an ancient St. Andrews wooden putter, you will observe that the shaft is in the nature of a gentle curve. It is slightly bow-shaped, with the extremity of the curve protruding so that it is in the line between the eye and the ball. Looking down the shaft, you find your vision fixed upon the ball. One does not often see this kind of putter nowadays, but there is nothing against it.

St. Andrews says, however, that clubs of the mallet-headed type, or those that have the neck so bent as to produce a similar effect, are illegal. "The shaft shall be fixed to the heel, or to a neck, socket, or boss, which terminates at the heel." The right side of Evans's triangular putter can hardly be called a neck, socket, or boss.

It was a pity that, when the United States and British delegates met recently to clear the air of doubts and differences, they did not go into the question of the form and make of golf clubs.

RIBBED MASHIES.

For instance, many people here think that the ribbed mashies and mashies which are in general use in the States provide an artificial aid to imparting "stop" to the ball. Tolley tells me that he found the ground so hard there that the half-iron shot, such as our best golfers play at, say, 160 yards, was useless. All the back-spin in the world would not check the ball from trickling over the green.

What the Americans do is to take very nearly a full swing with their ribbed mashies, and bang the ball high into the air and up to the pin. The ribbing effect on the mashie itself imparts the "stop."

It would simplify the game a good deal here. Presumably it is necessary on the hard ground in the States. Incidentally, however, it may help to bring about our discomfiture when the pick of the American amateurs come over for our championship next year.

"Chick" Evans, Francis Ounet, and Reginald Lewis—the last-named a Connecticut player of 28 who took Evans to the 41st hole in the recent U.S. championship, and ought to have beaten him—are certain, according to the latest news obtained by our recent visitors to the States. "Bobbie" Jones, Georgia's 18-year-old wonder, is also coming if he receives permission to tear himself away from school. He is the keenest of all on the expedition.

PRINCE OF WALES.

MARRIAGE QUESTION.

HOPE FOR A BRITISH BRIDE.

The following is a reprint of the first leading article in *The Times*—

The keenest public interest centres round the Prince of Wales; and though there is the strongest desire to respect his privacy, the public watch him with almost parental anxiety. Everywhere fervent wishes for his health and prosperity are the staple of conversation. It would be strange if the topic of his marriage were not very often on the lips and near to the hearts of his countrymen and countrywomen. He is 26, and the marriage of the Prince of Wales is inevitably a matter of deep public concern. We desire to speak of it with proper reticence, expressing, within these bounds, what we believe to be the real anxiety of the country that he should make a wise choice. The war, in this as in most other things, has, we believe, wrought a great change in public opinion, which—here and elsewhere in the Empire—would, we are convinced, be strongly averse from the thought that there should be any compulsion upon the Prince of Wales to make a marriage of policy. For him, within the comparatively narrow limits that his position must impose upon him, the British peoples would wish a marriage of true happiness; and this, it is our way to believe, means a marriage of inclination.

It follows naturally that the hope for him is that his wife may be one of his own race, for, though there have been fortunate exceptions, it is certainly true that marriages of policy with princesses of foreign birth have not always had the primary condition for happiness. Further, than to give for expression to this national wish, the Prince we shall not go, adding only that we do not think there is now the need that there may have been before the war to limit the choice of the Prince to the circle of the Blood Royal.

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NORTH CHINA.

A NEW RAILWAY.

OPENING UP SHANSHI.

Peking, Nov. 28.—Renter learns in connection with the Presidential mandate of the 25th instant sanctioning the construction of the Ching-Meng branch railway, that this railway to all intents and purposes is a prolongation westwards of the Tao-Ching railway from its present terminus, Chinghsia, to Menghsien on the left bank of the Yellow River, immediately northeast of Honanfu, an important ferry over which the bulk of the trade between the Shanhsi and Tzechow districts of Shanai and the south passes. The line, which will be about 65 kilometres in length, will pass through a highly cultivated district, to which it will be of very considerable benefit by bringing it into direct communication with the main railway system of the country.

The agreement referred to in the Presidential Mandate is made with the Peking Syndicate, Ltd., who, besides being administrators and general managers of the Tao-Ching Railway, possess very large mining interests in the locality.

The agreement provides for a loan for the construction of the line, the net amount of which and the conditions of its issue are to be fixed not later than three years after the date of the agreement. In the meantime the Syndicate is to advance to the Government sufficient funds to complete the construction of the line.

Both the loan and the advance are secured, *inter alia*, by a general guarantee of the Government as firstly by a mortgage on the permanent way of the railway and earnings and secondly by certain earnings of the Tao-Ching Railway.

The construction of the line will be carried out under the control of an engineer nominated by the Syndicate and appointed by the direct of the Tao-Ching Railway Administration, who will also act concurrently as Director of the new line.

The engineer may, with the consent of the Tao-Ching Railway Administration, employ in the work of construction, any of the rolling stock, plant, and tools of the Tao-Ching railway, on rates to be determined by the Director of the Tao-Ching Railway and the Peking Syndicate are appointed purchase agents for the new line, and all materials purchased abroad will receive a commission of 3 per cent. on the net cost thereof.

No provision is made for the stock, or part of it, is opened for traffic the rolling stock of the line shall be used on the basis at rates to be fixed by the Director of the Tao-Ching Railway and the Peking Syndicate.

The terms of the loan agreement and also the working agreement of the Syndicate to the Government sufficient funds to complete the construction of the line.

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NINGPO AND DALNY.

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TSINGTAO.

Dec. 11 - C. N. Teu.

KEELUNG.

Dec. 12 - O. S. K. Kailu Maru.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Dec. 8 - I.C.S.N. Kailu Maru.
Dec. 10 - C. N. Kailu Maru.

HOIHOW.

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TAKAO.

Dec. 16 - O. S. K. Kailu Maru.

SAIGON.

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BANGKOK.

Dec. 14 - C. N. Kailu Maru.
Jan. 2 - O. S. K. Kailu Maru.

SINGAPORE.

Jan. 2 - O. S. K. Kailu Maru.
Feb. 7 - C. N. Kailu Maru.
Apr. 3 - O. S. K. Kailu Maru.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

Dec. 10 - I.C.S.N. Leongshing.
Mar. 19 - C. M. S. Nanking.

SANDAKAN.

Dec. 14 - I.C.S.N. Hissang.

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

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INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

Dec. 18 - N. Y. K. Yoboshi Maru.
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BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 7th DECEMBER, 1920.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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BANKS.

Hongkong Bank \$753 b. 745/8 s.

East Asia Bank ... 120 b. 125 s.

MANY INVESTMENTS.

Canton Insurance ... \$373 1/2

North China Insurance ... 713 1/2

Union Insurance ... 225

Yangtze Insurance ... 225

Far Eastern ... 225

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fire Insurance ... \$125 b.

Hongkong Fire Insurance ... \$318 b.

Shanghai.

Donghai ... \$61 b.

H. K. Steamships ... \$24 b.

Indo-China (P.O.) ... \$124 b.

Shanghai ... \$124 b.

Star Ferries ... \$124 b.

REVENUES.

China Sugars ... \$206 b. 201 s.

Malayan Sugars ... \$55 s.

MINE.

Kailan Mining Adm. ... 110/ b.

Langkai ... 110/ b.

Shanghai Loans ... Comb. 113 1/2 b.

Shai Explorations ... 110/ b.

Tungshing Mines ... 25/ s.

Ural Caspian ... 25/ s.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GOVERNMENTS, ETC.

H. & K. Wharves ... \$81 s.

H. & W. Docks ... \$125 s.

Shai Docks ... \$118 s.

New Engineering ... \$25 s.

LINES, ROADS & BUILDINGS.

Central Station ... \$110 b.

Hongkong Hotel ... \$150 b.

Hongkong Lands ... \$150 b.

Humphreys ... \$35 s.

Kowloon Lands ... \$42 b.

Land Reclamations ... \$140 b.

West Point ... \$45 b.

CORPORATE MINE.

Kwo Ockson ... \$424 s.

Kung Yik ... \$44 s.

Lao Kung ... \$44 s.

Oriental ... \$44 s.

Shanghai Cottons ... \$44 s.

Yangtze ... \$44 s.

MICHAELSON.

Cementa ... \$24 b. 240 s.

China-Bornes ... \$24 b.

China Light ... \$24 b.

China Provident ... \$24 b.

China Farms ... \$24 b.

H. K. Electric ... \$24 b.

Macao ... \$24 b.

Hongkong Tramways ... \$24 b.

Peak Tramways (Old) ... \$24 b.

Peak Tramways (New) ... \$24 b.

Steam Landmarks ... \$24 b.

H. K. Steel Foundry ... \$24 b.

Waterworks ... \$24 b.

Walsons ... \$24 b.

Wm. Powell ... \$24 b.

Wise's ... \$24 b.

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J. STARR, Manager.

Hongkong, 7th Dec. 1920.

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K. C. LAU, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1920.

NOTICE.

PEAR TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Y.M.C.A. OR WAR MEMORIAL.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir,—I am one of those unfortunate persons who (although almost "an old resident") am not in a position to give large sums of money to a War Memorial or anything else. I therefore did not attend the meeting last week but I should, notwithstanding this fact, like to ask you to air my views on the subject in the briefest possible manner.

I am a civilian and have associated with members of the Army and Navy of all classes, and my experience of them teaches me that to endeavor to have a meeting place for all the three estates is bound to be a failure. I am willing to subscribe a modest donation to an Army and Navy Club and a Y.M.C.A. but the amalgamation of the two, I believe, would be disastrous. A long time ago I was willing to make a modest subscription to a War Memorial. I am still willing to do so, and if the five or six persons who are called the War Memorial Committee decide that the Army and Navy Club shall be a "War Memorial Army and Navy Club" I am willing to agree to that, but I don't think (and here I am expressing the opinion of many) that the War Memorial Committee is authorized by the Committee nominated by His Excellency the Governor to transfer the War Memorial to the proposed Army and Navy Club and certainly not to a Y.M.C.A.

Yours &c.

OLD RESIDENT.

Hongkong, Dec. 7, 1920.

CHEMICALS.

The report of Sir S. W. Royce & Co. Ltd. Manchester, October 27, says—

Chemicals.—The trouble in the Coal trade, resulting in the strike of the miners has adversely affected business, which has been mostly for spot or early delivery. Whilst some few products have maintained their values, prices generally are lower. Sulphate of Copper has been disappointing, as, although there has been a better enquiry for shipment, the amount of actual business done has been only moderate. The position in Green Copper has been unchanged although shipping orders have fallen off somewhat. Acetates of Lime and Acetic Acid are easier, and lower prices are being accepted for good definite business in Acetate of Lead and Nitrate of Lead. Acetate of Soda has however been in better request and stocks have been reduced. Carbonate of Potash has been in larger supply with only a moderate demand and price is easier. Caustic Potash and Montreal Potashes have also a lower tendency. Yellow Prussiate of Potash remains very dull but Prussiate of Soda has been steadily called for and stocks are only small. White Powdered Arsenic continues in short supply and price is fully maintained. There has been some pressure to reduce stocks of Tartaric Acid by lower prices but with little success, and the demand for forward delivery has fallen away. Lower prices have been accepted for Citric Acid. Cream of Tartar has been in better request. American Bichromates of Potash and Soda have been offered freely at reduced prices and there are ample stocks. Oxalic Acid is easier and the supply is in excess of the demand, whilst concessions in price are offered for forward shipment from the Continent. Borax and Boracic Acid are in good request. Phosphate of Soda is unchanged, but there is some accumulation of stocks of the imported product. Muriate of Ammonia has had a better demand for export account, but second-hand parcels of Sal ammoniac are freely offered. The demand for Bleaching Powder and Caustic Soda is less active but Soda Ash is in fair enquiry. Chlorates of Potash and Soda are quiet. The position of Tar Products has undergone very little change. Benzole, if anything, is easier. Toluole is rather dearer, supplies being readily taken up. Solvent Naphtha is showing more strength, although enquiries are scarce, consumers buying from hand to mouth. Heavy Naphtha is without change. Creosote is in good request and maintains its firm tone. Crude Carbolic Acid shows little activity and prices are somewhat lower. Little business is passing in Crystal Carbolic and the demand for Cresylic Acid has slackened. Pitch continues steady although business has eased off owing to the present industrial trouble, the briquette makers in South Wales being closed down. The export demand for Sulphate of Ammonia has rather fallen off through competition from abroad, but the supplies for the home market are scarce.

Sundries.—A fair business is reported in American Pearl Starch for forward shipment at lower prices but the demand from stock is small on account of the difficulties in the Textile trade. Farina is easier and is only moving slowly, but Dextrine has been steadily called for. The demand for Barytes has fallen away somewhat. There is a fair stock of imported Soap and prices are rather lower.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

POPULAR REPRESENTATION.

QUESTION BY MR. POLLOCK.

MOTION REGARDING BATHING BEACHES.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Thursday, December 9, 1920, at noon, after the Colonial Secretary has submitted the Financial Minutes and the report of the Finance Committee, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., will ask the following question—

In view of the fact that the question of giving greater popular representation on the Legislative Council in other Crown Colonies has been recently dealt with by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, will His Excellency the Governor send a despatch to the Secretary of State to remind him that no answer has yet been sent to the request from Hongkong for greater popular representation?

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock will then move the following motion—

That it is the duty of the Hongkong Government to provide the Public with adequate facilities for sea-bathing.

The orders of the day are as follows—

The Hon. Colonial Secretary will move the third reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Four million and twenty-six thousand three hundred and thirty-six Dollars and eleven Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1919.

The Hon. Attorney-General will move the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, as amended by the Treaty of Peace (Amendment) Order, 1920, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

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REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
Strait	Rangoon Maru
Shanghai	Tea
Shanghai and Japan	Kamo Maru
Strait	Shidzuka Maru
Japan	Fushimi Maru
EUROPE (via Negapatun)	Nippon

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Time
Samahni and Wuebow	Kwonghong	4 p.m.
Amoy	Glenalloch	5 p.m.
Takow	Miyama Maru	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Kam Yung Fat	5 p.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Chenon	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Chong Hing	5 p.m.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 7d. 12h. 07m. Pressure has decreased considerably over Japan and slightly over the Philippines; it has increased moderately elsewhere. The anticyclone is now central to the north of the Yangtze Valley, and continues to increase in intensity.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.08 inch. Total since January 1st 108.43 inches, against an average of 82.24 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 8th.

1.—Hongkong to Gar Rock, N. and N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine.

2.—Fornosa Channel, N. winds, strong.

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